

# SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT OF ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISM ON VICTORIAN AGRICULTURE

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# ABOUT AUSSIE FARMS INC

Aussie Farms is a non-profit, ACNC-registered animal rights charity, dedicating to ending commercialised animal abuse and exploitation in Australian animal agriculture facilities by increasing industry transparency and educating the public about modern farming and slaughtering practices.

Aussie Farms operates under the belief that most Australians are good, caring, decent people who are opposed to animal cruelty. Industries that use animals for commercial gain operate in almost total secrecy, and exploit this decency through marketing ploys such as "humanely slaughtered", "ethically raised", and "free range", utilising imagery depicting happy animals living out their days on rolling green hills in the sunshine, while actively seeking to limit awareness of the routine cruelty inside farms, slaughterhouses and other related facilities.

By breaking down this secrecy and making it easier for consumers to see the truth about what their purchases support, the commercialised abuse and exploitation of animals will slowly but surely come to an end. We believe that information - freely and readily accessible - is our greatest and most powerful tool.

It is to this end that we released in 2018 the feature-length documentary <u>Dominion</u>, an exploration of what modern, legal, standard-practice animal farming and slaughtering looks like in Australia, one of the most comprehensive resources available to consumers seeking to increase their knowledge of the subject.

Similarly, in early 2019 we released a <u>map</u> identifying the locations of farms, slaughterhouses and other animal exploitation facilities across Australia, complementing an existing <u>catalogue of thousands of images and videos</u>. This resource allows consumers for the first time to see the scale of industrial animal farming on both the micro and macro levels, grounding in reality the previously somewhat mythical concepts of factory farms and slaughterhouses. For many Australians, even this satellite imagery depicting a typical farm with numerous enormous sheds, or barren feedlots with tens of thousands of cattle, is a shock compared to the 'Old Macdonald' style farm presented by the industry and reinforced throughout their childhood.

Repeatedly, we have seen these resources enable consumers to have informed conversations about the ethical, environmental and health detriments of animal agriculture, and to make kinder choices that align with their own ethics.



# Type And Prevalence of Unauthorised Activity on Victorian Farms and Related Industries

# Documenting and exposing cruelty

Without the work of activists, none of the following atrocities would be known to the public, as it is not at all in the best interests of the offending businesses or government agricultural bodies to expose such practices themselves:

- <u>Live-baiting in the greyhound racing industry</u>, including in Victorian properties
- Live export
- <u>The maceration (blending) of live male chicks in the egg industry</u>, because they won't ever be able to lay eggs (*figure 1-2*) captured at a Victorian facility
- The slaughter of five-day-old male calves (<u>award-winning Tasmanian facility</u>, <u>Victorian facility</u>) in the dairy industry because they won't ever be able to produce milk, and female calves who are in excess of the farm's needs. This follows the <u>forced separation from their mothers</u> just hours after birth; the mothers are known to grieve for days or even weeks. The mothers are repeatedly and forcefully impregnated, as like humans they do not lactate without giving birth.
- <u>The use of excruciating carbon dioxide gas chambers in all major pig slaughterhouses</u> (figure 3) including several in Victoria (<u>Benalla</u>, <u>Diamond Valley Pork</u>, <u>Australian Food Group</u>), previously touted by the industry as 'humane', and also for the <u>killing of 'unviable' chicks in the broiler</u> (<u>meat</u>) chicken industry (Victorian facility) (figure 4), and '<u>spent' hens in the egg industry whose egg-laying has slowed</u> (Victorian facility)
- Repeated failure of stunning methods at numerous slaughterhouses (Victorian example: ducks regularly slaughtered fully conscious at Luvaduck slaughterhouse; South Australian example: poor electric stunning of pigs and subsequent death by drowning in the scalding tank)
- <u>Routine and extended confinement</u> in battery cages, sow stalls, farrowing crates (*figures 5-8*), including in Victorian facilities
- <u>Routine mutilation</u> of young piglets, lambs, goats, calves and chicks, without anaesthetic or pain relief, including in Victorian facilities
- <u>Rapid growth of broiler chickens and turkeys</u> (*figure 9*) as a result of selective breeding, lack of exercise due to overcrowding (*figure 10*), artificial lighting and the heavy use of antibiotics which enhance feed absorption
- <u>Farming of ducks without access to surface water</u>, causing a wide array of health issues captured at a Victorian facility
- An <u>illegal slaughterhouse in Victoria</u> killing sheep without any kind of stunning (*figure 11*)

In all of these cases except for live export, this evidence has been obtained as a result of trespass by activists who are aware that they are breaking the law, but adamant in the belief that the Australian public, and specifically consumers of meat, dairy, eggs and other animal products, deserve to know what they're paying for.

The footage has in several cases caused widespread public outrage, with the chick maceration and pig gassing footage each seen by over 10 million people worldwide and recent footage of violent treatment and gassing during 'depopulation' at Victorian egg farms making national headlines.





Figure 1: Maceration of male chicks



Figure 2: Maceration of male chicks





Figure 3: Carbon dioxide gas chambers for pigs



Figure 4: Carbon dioxide gas chambers for broiler chickens





Figure 5: Sow and piglets in farrowing crate



Figure 6: Sow and piglets in farrowing crate





Figure 7: Sows in sow stalls



Figure 8: Hens in battery cages





Figure 9: Unnaturally large broiler chickens



Figure 10: Overcrowding in broiler sheds





Figure 11: Illegal slaughterhouse in Koo Wee Rup, Victoria



### Rescuing animals

All animals bred into commercial farms are destined for slaughter at a fraction of their natural lifespan:

	Typical Slaughter Age	Natural Life Span
Chickens (male in egg industry)	1 day	Up to 8 years
"Veal" calves	1-24 weeks	15-20 years
Chickens (broilers / meat breeds)	5-7 weeks	Up to 8 years*
Ducks	7-8 weeks	6-8 years
Rabbits	10-12 weeks	8-12 years
Goats	12-20 weeks	12-14 years
Geese	15-20 weeks	8-15 years
Turkeys	4-5 months	Up to 15 years*
Pigs	5-6 months	10-12 years
Lambs	6-8 months	12-14 years
"Beef" cattle	18 months	15-20 years
Chickens (egg laying hens)	18 months	Up to 8 years
Pigs (breeding sows)	3-5 years	10-12 years
Dairy cows	4 years	15-20 years

\* Most chickens and turkeys are bred to grow so fast that their bodies cannot endure very long. When not bred for consumption, chickens and turkeys can grow at a rate their bodies can sustain for many years.

This slaughter occurs regardless of how well or poorly they are treated during their time in the farm, and it is always a horrific experience – as footage has shown time and time again, there is always fear, pain and suffering, and often an awareness of what is to come, with many subjected to witnessing the deaths of those before them. Ultimately, these animals are viewed by those who breed, raise and send them to slaughter, as "property" and "stock", no different to a television. The end goal is to make a profit; the welfare of the animals is only relevant to the extent necessary to meet this goal, and high mortality rates, especially at younger ages, are considered simply the cost of doing business.

Activists who trespass to remove these animals take them to sanctuaries where they are able to live out the rest of their natural lifespan, free from abuse, neglect or obligation, and looked after individually with veterinary care that is simply not possible for large-scale farms with thousands, tens of thousands, or hundreds of thousands, of animals per worker to provide.

Rescue must be distinguished from "theft" where animals or property are taken for financial or personal gain.



# Protesting

Due to much of the evidence captured by activists depicting legal cruelty, it is usually impossible for authorities to take prosecutory action, and is often of little interest to mainstream media outlets which prefer to focus on illegal cruelty. As such, there have been occasions where activists have felt it necessary to accompany the footage with civil disobedience protest actions, in order for the footage to reach the general public who most need to see it.

#### Diamond Valley Pork example:

In 2015, four activists chained themselves inside the 'race' leading into the gas chamber at Victoria's largest pig slaughterhouse, Diamond Valley Pork, where covertly obtained footage showed the excruciating effect of the gas on the pigs. The action led to widespread media coverage where the supposedly 'humane' stunning method was called into question, and also caused the RSPCA to change their stance of the practice and remove their public approval of the facility from Diamond Valley Pork's website.

- Diamond Valley Pork Slaughterhouse protest: 'They're burning from the inside out'
  - <u>https://www.news.com.au/news/diamond-valley-pork-slaughterhouse-protest-theyre-burning-from-the-inside-out/news-story/86510d260206785b020c499843a4aa3a</u>
- Animal rights activists chain themselves to pig slaughterhouse 'gas chamber' in Laverton
  - <u>https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/animal-welfare-activists-chain-</u> <u>themselves-to-pig-slaughterhouse-gas-chamber-in-laverton-20151207-glgw91.html</u>
- Police remove animal activists protesting against pork abattoir's 'gas chamber'
  - o <u>https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/dec/07/police-remove-animal-activists-protesting-against-pork-abattoirs-gas-chamber</u>
- Animal Liberation Victoria claims pigs suffer horrific deaths when killed using carbon dioxide
  - <u>https://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/animal-liberation-victoria-claims-pigs-suffer-horrific-deaths-when-killed-using-carbon-dioxide/news-story/c3194210f834052c9bc3b017a6304e8b</u>





# Workplace Health and Safety and Biosecurity Risks, Impacts of Animal Activist Activity to Victoria's Economy and International Reputation

# BIOSECURITY

There has not been a single incident of a biosecurity hazard caused by activists, despite hundreds of investigations into farms and slaughterhouses by activists over the last 40+ years.

Factory farms are not biosecure environments. They are in almost all cases, plagued by rats, mice, birds, cats, mosquitoes, cockroaches, and all manner of disease-carrying animals, who freely come and go through open doors and windows or decaying walls. An outbreak of avian influenza at a Young NSW free range egg farm in 2013, believed to be contracted from wild ducks, spread to a nearby caged facility and led to the culling of over 400,000 farmed hens. It then also spread to a second caged egg farm.

With farms containing hundreds of thousands, sometimes millions, of animals, living in their own excrement, conditions are rife for the rapid spread of disease; it is impossible with only a handful of workers to provide individual vet care or to identify and then isolate/quarantine those affected. This is a problem inherent to intensive farming.

Staff, truck drivers, and other visitors frequently move between farms, or between isolated 'modules' within the same property, without changing clothes or boots or washing down their vehicles. Meanwhile, activists employ single-use full-body coveralls and boot-covers and have not been known in any circumstances to move from farm to farm within a short period of time.

# WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY

There has not been a single incident of a workplace health and safety issue caused by activists. Activists who enter farms to document and expose, rescue or protest, do so from a stance of total non-violence and indeed, a fundamental objection to the violence occurring unchecked within those facilities.

In public commentary around this debate, there has been a heavy conflation of workplaces (farms, slaughterhouses, etc) and private homes, often with an implication or outright claim that activists are entering the private homes of farmers and harassing them and their families, simply because in some cases the homes are located on the same property as the farms (this is rarely the case with other types of animal-use establishments such as slaughterhouses and saleyards, yet the same argument is used).

For a fair analysis of these issues it is vital to distinguish between workplaces and homes.

Businesses in Australia do not have a legal right to privacy. The conducting of a business is not considered a "private activity". No activist has any interest in the private/personal homes, families or lives of the farmers, and accordingly there has not been a single incident of activists going anywhere near farmers' homes. Granted, there are occasions where farmers do live on the same property, but they do not live inside the sheds or cages with thousands of animals; they live in a house located often more than a kilometre away from the sheds (*Figure 12*). The smell and noise would prevent them living anywhere close enough to risk encountering activists in the process of documenting cruelty, rescuing or protesting.



Animal cruelty must not be allowed to occur simply because it occurs on private property, especially when it is then being deceptively sold to consumers as "ethical" and "humane".

Centering the argument around farmers and their families is a deliberate attempt to take attention away from the underlying issue causing activists to investigate, document, rescue from and protest these facilities: systemic, legalised (and sometimes illegal) animal cruelty occurring without transparency or regulation.

Meanwhile, deaths and injuries of workers at slaughterhouses and farms are all too common (<u>Baiada</u> <u>Victoria</u>, <u>Strath Meats South Australia</u>, <u>pig farm UK</u>), never with any significant penalties imposed upon the companies. With slaughterhouse machinery designed to kill large numbers of animals and cut up their bodies, and a high prevalence of ammonia and other dangerous fumes at poultry farms, worker safety can never be guaranteed. These dangers have nothing to do with activists.



Figure 12: House located 1.003km from edge of piggery sheds (Victorian farm)



### ECONOMY

Given what we now know about the <u>disastrous environmental effects of animal agriculture</u>, it is essential that all Australian governments – state, territory and federal – invest urgently in packages to assist farmers in switching to more sustainable methods of income (e.g. crop or renewable energy farming). Delaying this will have a compounding negative effect on our economy, whereby greater amounts of money must be spent mitigating environmental damage that could have been avoided altogether.

Similarly, funds spent on public healthcare treating preventable diseases could be better spent if consumers were educated about the negative health effects of meat, dairy and eggs, and the comparative benefits of eating a plant-based diet.

#### The Gippy Goat Café

Much attention and criticism of activists in the media and political spheres has been focused on the closure of the Gippy Goat Café in Gippsland. It is important to note the following:

- Statements from ex-workers reveal that the owner of the facility, John Gommans, had been intending to close the café for several months prior to the protest action occurring, due to a lack of profitability. The protest action provided John with an opportunity to use "vegan activists" as a scapegoat.
- The multiple farms owned by John Gommans, including that on the same property as the café, and the nearby Cibus Goats facility at Trafalgar, remain fully operational. John's company NuLac Foods (and associated brands Caprilac and Coach House Dairy) was the largest producer of goat milk products in Australia until its acquisition by Bubs Australia for \$25million in December 2017, at which point John was appointed as a director of Bubs Australia, a position he still holds today. He also remains a director of Cibus Goats Pty Ltd, Uphamgo Australia Pty Ltd and New Zealand Nutritional Goat Company Limited. As of 30 June 2018, John owned over 19 million shares in Bubs Australia, a company with a net revenue that year of almost \$17million. John's farm Cibus Goats is the single largest goat dairy farm in Australia. It should be clear that John is not suffering financially by any means, and certainly not as a result of the protest action that occurred at the farm adjacent to the café.
- The two Gippsland farms owned by John Gippy and Cibus hold approximately 5500 milking goats, half of the total milking goats in Australia. All are forcefully impregnated each year to keep their milk flowing, as like humans and dairy cows, they must give birth in order to lactate. The male kids, who will never be able to produce milk and are therefore considered by John to be useless except for a minority who are raised for meat, and any females in excess of the farms' needs, are bludgeoned to death with a sledgehammer on site. The milking goats are sent to a slaughterhouse when their milk production slows.
- The Gippy farm is reportedly plagued by Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE).
- John directly incited threats of death and violence towards the organiser of the protest action, Cara Garrett, by sharing her home address on the Gippy Goat Facebook page, after the police invited the managing director of Cibus Goats, Paul Cornelissen, to Cara's house (see attachment A at the end of this document). A sample of these threats and otherwise abusive messages have been attached to the end of this document as Attachment B.



A statement from a former worker at one of John Gommans' farms:

Okay so I'm not sure how much you guys are privy to from behind the scenes. I worked at [Cibus goat farm at Trafalgar] for several years before moving states. I stuck it out in horrendous conditions for so long because I love goats and myself and a few other workers did what we could to help the animals behind the scenes. I worked there before he opened the second farm and cafe, so things may be different now, but I wanted to share my experience.

Probably the biggest atrocity there is what happened to the male kids. Every day after the newborn kids were collected, the doe kids were put into pens to be raised, the males were put in a pen by the entrance to await the herdsman. Often hundreds of buck kids every day during kidding season- they were bludgeoned to death with a hammer to the head. It would often take the herdsman an hour or more to finish killing them. They were thrown into the tractor scoop and taken to the dead pit out the back of the barns. They were often still alive with their skulls crushed in, their eyeballs would pop out, and they were still thrown on the pile to suffer and die slowly. This was a daily occurrence for at least a decade, and I beleive probably still is.

I had my job threatened numerous times for objecting to it and for refusing to do it. We rescued and rehomed boys where we Could, but there was thousands over the years.

In one day in particular a shocking memory stands out in my mind. I got in to work and a doe kid had shattered her leg in the fence. It was beyond repair son asked if I could call the vet, I was refused and the herdsman said he'd go shoot her. We were milking so it was several hours later before we went over to the kid barn to do morning feeds. There she was on the ground where she'd been dragged and shot, I went to move her and to my horror she was still alive. She had a bullet hole in her head and was paralyzed, but still conscious. I stayed with her while another worker went to find someone to put her down, and during that time I got a video of her. I can try to find it on my old computer for you. It's truly horrific. That was actually what lead to finally leave, my heart just couldn't take it any more. I still have nightmares.

Another situation burned into my mind is the treatment of does struggling in labour. John was very specific about calling vets- we were not allowed to. One doe came in to be milked and was having issues kidding, she was clearly in labour but was noticeably in distress. She also smelt quite badly which indicated infection. She was separated to await help when the staff were free. The person who "helped" was inexperienced and upon pulling the kids (which were stillborn), He damaged her bladder. She needed proper vet care but we weren't allowed to call one. From that day on she leaked urine constantly and smelt so bad. She came into the sick herd every other week for a course of antibiotics, which of course does absolutely nothing for bladder damage-she needed to be uthenised but he wouldn't do it. She suffered for a further 8 months before finally dying of massive infection from the constant urine over her back end resulting in acidic burns and infected skin. She suffered so much for no reason. Because he said so.

In a daily basis tails were broken by careless staff twisting them (and goats absolutely have nerves and can feel their tails desire what morons say), goats that could not stand or were too slow were beaten, kicked, thrown, punched, every day. Not just occasionally but literally every day.



No matter how much an animal was suffering, like the goat with the damaged bladder, instead of letting them die in peace or getting them fixed he'd just continue to use them for milking until their bodies gave up and they died, the long horrible way- from outright neglect and abuse.

Broken legs were ignored if the doe was still producing milk. He'd make us keep them in the milking herd, force them to drag their broken limb along twice a day to be milked. All he cared about was that they were still making him money. After they stopped producing then he'd have them shot.

I once whittnessed a herdsman beat a full grown buck to death with a sledge hammer, because the boss didn't want to "waste a bullet".

I was once assaulted at work, pinned to the wall by my throat for stepping in stopping a worker beating a doe stuck in the mud. Nothing was done.

So basically I could go on all day. I'll get on my computer either tomorrow of the following day and try to find the video and photos for you.

Feel free to share my stories but ensure I remain anonymous please. If he knows it's me that's come forward I'm scared he might hurt my animals in Gippsland.

*I find it ironic that Paul goes on about having [sic] to bottle raise two kids. They are ALL raised off feeders, except the lucky few visible to the public in the "petting zoo".* 

On CAE (Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis)

Yes they absolutely do have it rife throughout the herds. Whenever I rescued goats from there I always held them separately in quarantine and had bloods done, as if they tested for any diseases they could not join my herd, so I know for a fact that that farm has both johnies disease and CAE. CAE is transferred through the milk so to stop the spread a bred doe with it cannot be allowed to nurse her babies. It's a really awful disease.

#### INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION

Undoubtedly, the international reputation of Victoria and Australia more broadly is affected every time new footage emerges of animal cruelty in farms, slaughterhouses or other animal-use industries. Rather than implementing tighter laws around the capturing and publication of this footage, which demonstrates that there is something to hide, Victoria has an opportunity to be a world leader in supporting animal farmers to move to more sustainable, ethical methods of income, and investing in plant-based and/or lab-grown meat, dairy and egg alternatives. This would send a strong message that animal cruelty is not supported by the Australian government or the Australian people, and that real action is being taken to combat the climate emergency.



# Animal Activists' Compliance with the Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals Act 1986

Animal activists seek to save animals from unnecessary pain and suffering. The same cannot be said of farmers and slaughterhouse workers. Section 9 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 states:

(1) A person who—

(a) wounds, mutilates, tortures, overrides, overdrives, overworks, abuses, beats, worries, torments or terrifies an animal; or

(b) loads, crowds or confines an animal where the loading, crowding or confinement of the animal causes, or is likely to cause, unreasonable pain or suffering to the animal; or

(c) does or omits to do an act with the result that unreasonable pain or suffering is caused, or is likely to be caused, to an animal; or

(d) drives, conveys, carries or packs an animal in a manner or position or in circumstances which subjects or subject, or is likely to subject, it to unnecessary pain or suffering

**commits an act of cruelty upon that animal** and is guilty of an offence and is liable to a penalty of not more than, in the case of a natural person, 246 penalty units or imprisonment for 12 months or, in the case of a body corporate, 600 penalty units.

As a matter of daily routine, this section is blatantly violated on farms and slaughterhouses across Victoria and the entire country, however these violations are nullified by Section 6:

(1) This Act does not apply to—

# (a) the slaughter of animals in accordance with the Meat Industry Act 1993 or any Commonwealth Act ; or

(b) except to the extent that it is necessary to rely upon a Code of Practice as a defence to an offence under this Act, the keeping, treatment, handling, transportation, sale, killing, hunting, shooting, catching, trapping, netting, marking, care, use, husbandry or management of any animal or class of animals (**other than a farm animal or class of farm animals**) which is carried out in accordance with a Code of Practice; or

# (c) any act or practice with respect to the farming, transport, sale or killing of any farm animal which is carried out in accordance with a Code of Practice;

Given that there is no difference in the capacity to feel pain, fear, grief and suffering between "companion" animals (cats and dogs) and "livestock" animals, with pigs known to be at least as intelligent as dogs, the Act is clear that while routine, industry-standard practices on farms and in slaughterhouses are considered an "act of cruelty", such cruelty is entirely legal when done to the latter group of species simply because of their commercial value. This is a grossly indefensible failure of our animal welfare laws, which through no coincidence is unknown to most consumers of animal products who are therefore unwillingly funding animal cruelty.



To suggest that activists, in attempting to **relieve, free, or protect** animals from what would be considered unacceptable and illegal cruelty if only those animals were cats or dogs, are **breaching the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act**, is so far beyond rational thought as to be absolutely ludicrous.

The POCTA Act must be updated to criminalise **all** animal cruelty, regardless of the victims' designated "purpose".



# Incidences and Responses of Other Jurisdictions in Australia and Internationally

As there have been no instances of activists threatening biosecurity or the safety of farmers or their families, and as the act of trespassing and inciting others to commit crimes is already illegal, it can be surmised that the purpose of investigating new laws to target activists relates to the steady stream of footage and photographs which have been, for many years, a source of great embarrassment and reputation damage for industries that engage in commercialised animal cruelty, and the governments that support them.

Any laws enacted with the purpose of silencing whistleblowers and obfuscating industry activities fall squarely into the realm of "ag-gag", where consumers are denied access to information or material that would enable them to make informed decisions about what they purchase and forcing them instead to rely only on what they're told by the industry and government who, as we've seen time and time again, have no interest in showing the reality of modern farming and slaughtering.

Attempts to introduce ag-gag laws into numerous states in the US have, in most cases, been defeated before enactment or later ruled to be unconstitutional, and previous attempts to introduce them in Australia, or to misappropriate existing laws for such a purpose (e.g. charges brought against activists under the Surveillance Devices Act NSW for publishing piggery and slaughterhouse footage), have failed.

The Australian constitution contains an implied freedom of political communication. The relationship between this implication and the publishing of footage of animal cruelty was made clear in the High Court ruling against Lenah Game Meats in 2001, with Justice Kirby acknowledging that animal welfare issues are legitimate matters of public debate and noting the importance of public interest groups in raising awareness of these issues and of generating public debate in Australia:

"The concerns of a governmental and political character must not be narrowly confined. To do so would be to restrict, or inhibit, the operation of the representative democracy that is envisaged by the Constitution. Within that democracy, concerns about animal welfare are clearly legitimate matters of public debate across the nation. So are concerns about the export of animals and animal products. Many advances in animal welfare have occurred only because of public debate and political pressure from special interest groups. The activities of such groups have sometimes pricked the conscience of human beings.

Parliamentary democracies, such as Australia, operate effectively when they are stimulated by debate promoted by community groups. To be successful, such debate often requires media attention. Improvements in the condition of circus animals, in the transport of live sheep for export and in the condition of battery hens followed such community debate. Furthermore, antivivisection and vegetarian groups are entitled, in our representative democracy, to promote their causes, enlisting media coverage, including by the appellant. The form of government created by the Constitution is not confined to debates about popular or congenial topics, reflecting majority or party wisdom. Experience teaches that such topics change over time. In part, they do so because of general discussion in the mass media."

Consumers should not be prevented or hindered by law from being informed about the animal welfare, environmental and health concerns relating to the consumption of animals.



# Summary and Recommendations

The only way to prevent activists' attempts to force transparency on the animal agriculture industry is for government to force that transparency. If there were to be honesty and openness around the cruelty involved, there would be no need for anyone to take it upon themselves to capture and publish evidence of it. It would be entirely in the hands of consumers to decide whether industries that abuse animals for profit have a social license to operate. As a minimum, this transparency would include:

- Publicly accessible CCTV live-streams inside all factory farms and slaughterhouses
- An open-door policy for any member of the public to see inside factory farms and slaughterhouses without advance notice (complying of course with all biosecurity protocols)
- Honesty in marketing and product labelling, with deceptive phrasing (e.g. "high welfare", "humane", "ethical") banned, and descriptions of standard industry practices, environmental effects, and health effects printed on labels in the same manner as cigarette health warnings
- Honesty in education, informing school students of the harsh realities without pro-farming bias

A step further would be to **criminalise cruelty towards "livestock" animals in the same way it is for "companion" animals** (e.g. dogs and cats) by removing the exemption for farm animals in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act: all animal cruelty should be illegal, regardless of the victims' designated "purpose". The sentience of farm animals, and their capacity to feel pain, fear, grief and suffering, should be recognised by law.

Given the animal agriculture industry's heavy reliance on cruel practices, this would require a plan to assist livestock farmers to move into other areas of work (e.g. crop or renewable energy farming). At present, it can be difficult for farmers wishing to transition to more ethical and sustainable methods of income, as there is no government support available for this purpose.

As the effects of climate change increase – fueled rapidly by animal agriculture – and Australia's population continues to grow, environmentally sustainable methods of producing food will become an absolute necessity. **Investment must occur now into the research and development of these alternatives, to make it as easy as possible for farmers to shift out of animal agriculture.** 

Documenting evidence of cruelty without authorisation at farms and slaughterhouses carries extreme risks, including but not limited to:

- Criminal charges for trespass
- Civil litigation
- Violence from farmers, including the following known cases:
  - An activist was shot at by a farmer while documenting cruelty at a Queensland feedlot in January this year
  - An activist was punched in the face while sitting in their car on a public road, by a dairy farmer who then fired warning shots into the air, in February this year
  - An activist was punched and then ran over by a sheep farmer in September 2018, causing a broken ankle which required surgery
  - An activist being strangled nearly to death by a farmer at an egg farm in Victoria in 2017
  - An activist having their leg broken by a farmer at an egg farm in Victoria in 2016



- Activists were "hunted" for several hours by eight NSW pig farm workers who had set a "trap" following the discovery of hidden cameras in 2013; while failing to catch the activists, they did find and destroy the activists' car
- Hundreds of threats of death or violence directed at numerous activists. A sample of these threats and otherwise abusive messages has been attached at the end of this document as Attachment C.

No person should feel compelled to take on these risks due to a lack of industry transparency and accountability or due to the urgency demanded by immediate or inevitable suffering. Laws must be changed to protect animals from cruelty and violence in order to remove the need for civilian intervention. It is important to note that no charges have been laid against any of the farmers involved in the above instances despite clear evidence provided to the police. Police should be instructed to prosecute all cases of serious violence irrespective of whether the victim is an activist and the perpetrator a farmer, and to investigate all tangible threats of death or violence made by farmers towards activists. Media outlets promoting hate towards individual activists, such as The Weekly Times, should be held legally accountable.

In 2016, a <u>Productivity Commission report</u> suggested the current process for setting standards for farm animal welfare does not adequately value the benefits of animal welfare to the community. It suggested the process for setting standards would be improved through the **creation of a statutory agency responsible for developing national farm animal welfare standards** using rigorous science and evidence of community values for farm animal welfare.

These recommendations should be acted upon immediately to address the widening gap between consumer expectations and the reality of the industry. A 2019 report titled <u>Australia's Shifting Mindset</u> <u>on Animal Welfare</u> commissioned by the federal Department of Agriculture and Water Resources found that the majority of Australians care about animal welfare, with 95% of respondents viewing farm animal welfare with concern and 91% wanting reform to address it.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet the committee in person to further discuss my submission and what can be done to reduce or altogether eliminate the commercialised abuse and suffering of animals in Victoria.



# Attachment A: Statement to Police by Cibus Goats Manager

#### AME: Paul David CORNELISSEN

STATES: My full name is Paul David CORNELISSEN. I am the managing director of Cibus Goats. I have previously provided a statement to police regarding the theft of the goats and a lamb from 26 Gordon's Road, Yarragon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2018. I have been asked by police to provide a further statement.

I would like to clarify how many goats were actually stolen. In my initial statement which I made on the 23/12/2018 I said four goats and one sheep were stolen. At the time of making the first statement that was my belief. Since reviewing various videos from our cctv footage and on face book and completing a stock count I can positively say that 3 goats and one lamb were stolen. The goats stolen were a milking doe from the milking area/yards and the other two and the lamb were from the petting area.

At the request of Detective Justin PRESTIDGE I attended at 222 Rossiter Road, Koo wee rup on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018. I had a stock crate on the rear of my ute at the request of police.

At this property I was taken into the backyard where I saw a number of calves, sheep and a small goat (kid). I immediately recognised the stolen white milking doe due to the appearance and more importantly the goat had holes in its ears where the tags had been. I was shown the two company identification tags for that particular goat. I could clearly see that the goat was a milker because of its utter which still had milk in it. A milking goat milks every day and if it is not milked the utter becomes inflamed. One noticeable thing about the goat was that it had lost a significant amount of weight and had stopped producing milk. From my farming experience which is long there was inadequate feed for a milking goat at this premises.

I then conducted a thorough inspection of the lamb and I was 99 % sure it was Leah, our pet lamb.

Both of the stolen animals were conveyed back to the Yarragon farm in my stock crate. Upon getting back to the farm Christian, the farm vet/manager and other staff reaffirmed that the animals were the stolen ones.

This theft has caused myself and the other employees unwanted and uneeded stress. The business has been farming goats in Australia since 2007 and I take a lot of pride in my position with the business and the animal welfare. This is an insult to me and my staff to suggest that the animals are not cared for. There was no reason for these animals to be stolen from our farm.

Paul CORNEL ISSEN

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# Attachment B: Messages to Cara Garrett



Paul Bright

#### You and Paul aren't connected on Facebook

Owner at Tarago Accounting & Business Services Studied Business and Law at University of Melbourne Lives in Neerim South, Victoria

#### 9:35 AM



I saw a post that shows where you live and what you drive. Nice, that will be handy.

Sent from web

Today 10:25 am



Hey sweetie, what's your address? X

#### bennyyd27 wants to send you a message.

945 followers 32 posts

Do you want to let bennyyd27 send you messages from now on? They'll only know that you've seen their request if you choose Accept.



#### Nenek Kucing Public BBQ .... At Cara's house.



47 m Like Reply Message



#### Josh Whelan You and Josh aren't connected on Facebook

1:14 PM

imma kill a lamb today in the name of Kara jade



## Your welcome

Sent from web

#### Today 7:48 pm

Your identities are known now sluts, and now we come for you scumbag pieces of shit. Watch your back, you might get a "stake" in it 😂

#### dark\_artistry wants to send you a message.

118 followers 21 posts

Do you want to let dark\_artistry send you messages from now on? They'll only know that you've seen their request if you choose Accept.

Today 10:22 am

You're a scumbag, hoping the negativity you have spread regarding the Gippy goat catches up with you 😂

#### dylan.cramer10 wants to send you a message.

524 followers 29 posts

Do you want to let dylan.cramer10 send you messages from now on? They'll only know that you've seen their request if you choose Accept.





#### Ren Sommers

You and Ren aren't connected on Facebook Studied Art at La Trobe University

2:43 PM



Scum of the earth



U r a poor excuse for a human ans so are the rest of u grass eating fuckwitz

Sent from web

#### James Beckett

Jack Farr

You and Jack aren't connected on Facebook

1:28 PM

#### You and James aren't connected on Facebook

Truck driver at DGL Logistics Studied Lunch at Western Heights High School Lives in Rotorua, New Zealand

7:30 AM

I hope u get meat tossed on ur face u attention seeking slut

9:39 AM

I feel sorry for your daughters that you are speaking to women like this

11:31 AM

Well u shouldn't because I'd speak to them that way if they were a waste of sperm like you! Plus u should feel sorry for the 3 course meal I'm gng to have 2night just for you. Beef followed by lamb followed by pork

You can now call each other and see information like Active Status and when you've read messages. Today 11:07 pm



If i ever see you at an activist meeting you piece of shit, ill slap you across the face with a piece of bacon.

#### darthvader\_order66 wants to send you a message.

280 followers 149 posts

Do you want to let darthvader\_order66 send you messages from now on? They'll only know that you've seen their request if you choose Accept.





#### Kody Fraser

Kill yourselves you brain dead wastes of space. Would of been the best day in history if someone plowed all the vegan sacks of dogshit down. Whore

23m Like Reply

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If you reply, Kristian will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.









# Lachy Auldist

You and Lachy aren't connected on Facebook

Studies at La Trobe University, Bendigo Lives in Warragul, Victoria

2:58 PM

You're a piece of shit. Should be



left to rot in a cell you scum bag.

Sent from web

If you reply, Lachy will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.





Thats just like me saying im not going to stop till all you vegans are dead. Its terrorism. Your a terrorist! Which means go blow your self up in a mosque

Sent from web

slut

If you reply, Harry will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



Terry Young

3:24 PM



Your life could be about to turn to shit with all your personal details all over Facebook. Such is life.

Sent from web

If you reply, Terry will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



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Mark Lee Yvette Girling yes. I think the \$1 ju...





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Mathew Acker

From Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Owner & Managing Director at Sharp Recruitment

Solutions Lives in Perth, Western Australia

10:28 AM

If you reply, Mathew will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



#### Ricky Stevenson You and Ricky aren't connected on Facebook Studied at Mornington Secondary College Lives in Frankston, Victoria

1:08 AM



Sent from web

If you reply, Ricky will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.

If you reply, Nick will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.

Your a fucking dog headed cunt

hope you rot in hell and I'll leave

some meat on ya door step.

Sent from web

thinking you can shit places down





# **Jim Stephens**

You and Jim aren't connected on Facebook

2:15 PM



If you reply, Jim will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



#### Roger

#### You and Roger aren't connected on Facebook

Lives in Merimbula, New South Wales

5:07 AM



Fuck your a dumb whore...we are coming down to protest outside your place in a couple of days so be ready vegan cunt..

7:18 AM



You can now call each other and see information like Active Status and when you've read messages.

7:42 AM



something to not be able to take a hint getting all these threats aye hahaha your fucked. Wouldnt show ya face in public youll get raped 10 times over by the people you pissed off today

You must be fucked in the head or

B.. 6

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Do you want to let dylan.cramer10 send you messages from now on? They'll only know that you've seen their request if you choose Accept.





Dylan Savige You and Dylan aren't connected on Facebook

TUE AT 8:42 PM



Pig of a human. Bet you wont fuckin do that again. Get run over by a large truck D Sent from web

If you reply, Dylan will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



# Chris Russell

You and Chris aren't connected on Facebook

MON AT 11:41 PM

Cry like a bitch!! You wish to impose your will and values against others but cry foul because you claim we impose upon you. FUCK YOU Bitch!! Going to feed ya a Bambi on a stick and a Wilbur on a roll, then ya know when your being imposed on!!

Sent from web

If you reply, Chris will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



Mick McQueen You and Mick aren't connected on Facebook

Studied at Northam PCYC Lives in Yanchep, Western Australia, Australia

MON AT 11:52 PM



Sleep tight I believe you are going to get a visit 🤔

Sent from web

If you reply, Mick will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



**Robert Pryde** 

You and Robert aren't connected on Facebook

Studied Year 11 at Lavalla Catholic College Lives in Traralgon, Victoria

10:53 AM



Drop dead you trouble making parasite

Sent from web

If you reply, Robert will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.





#### Matthew Moloney

You and Matthew aren't connected on Facebook

Lives in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

6:02 AM

You dumb ass fucken bitch come down to vic will show you what happens to dogs like you

Oh I see you in vic how about that let's have a chat were do you work ill come see you

Sent from web

If you reply, Matthew will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



#### Jeremy Muller

From Melbourne, Victoria, Australia Self-Employed Studied at Lavalla Catholic College

MON AT 11:13 PM

Your a fucking idiot!



Sent from web.

It's roaster rd isn't it?

If you reply, Jeremy will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



Chris Reynolds

You and Chris aren't connected on Facebook





You are a complete flog walk in front of a truck a do the world a favor

Sent from web

If you reply, Chris will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



Jas Knowles

You and Jas aren't connected on Facebook

Studies at Whitehouse Institute of Design, Australia Lives in Ballarat, Victoria

#### 1:12 PM



Sent from web

If you reply, Jas will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.









# Lee Kingston

You and Lee aren't connected on Facebook

2:34 PM



Fucking dumb bitch. Mind your own fucking business.

Sent from web

If you reply, Lee will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



# **Darren Powell**

You and Darren aren't connected on Facebook

Lives in Perth, Western Australia

#### 1:17 PM

You fuckheads, we are top if food chain, want to see cruelty go to Africa and watch the food chain process there. We were meant to eat, we are carnivores

Sent from web

If you reply, Darren will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



Dean Wolski You and Dean aren't connected on Facebook

3:02 PM



If you reply, Dean will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages. Today 6:44 am

Your filthier then the shit that comes from a goats ass, small round dirty, straight up rank. Its all good and well to have your own opinions without the need to force them on others or ruin people's livelihoods. Do you people truly believe by doing these things that we are just going to turn vegan? Forget it cunts, I live off of coffee and steak dinners,

Try and take my steak and milky coffee, hell come take it from my hands. I dare you.

#### tegssbellaa wants to send you a message.

176 followers 747 posts

Do you want to let tegssbellaa send you messages from now on? They'll only know that you've seen their request if you choose Accept.









way because i AM guarenteeing you, your a walking talking corpse. The internet has your addresses

and theres some pretty crazy

underestimate them now, no, no

you just continue on with what

your doing. Youll slip up soon

enough and when you do its

gonna crush you 10 fold

people around. Dont





#### Brett Bastin

You and Brett aren't connected on Facebook

Went to Fairvale High School

3:51 PM

Retarded little whore, you and youre friends have an IQ of a



smashed crab.fucking idiot.

Sent from web

If you reply, Brett will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



## **Brad Nancarrow**

#### You and Brad aren't connected on Facebook

shift worker at Cheetham Salt Studied at Strathalbyn High School Lives in Clinton, South Australia

28 MAR. AT 4:31 AM



Sent from web

If you reply, Brad will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



#### **Cameron Smith**

#### You and Cameron aren't connected on Facebook

Works at Commercial fishing Studied Vcal - senior pass Yr 11-12 at Goulburn Valley Instutute of TAFE

6:24 PM



Sent from web

If you reply, Cameron will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



# Matt Hewitt

You and Matt aren't connected on Facebook Lives in Sydney, Australia

12:01 PM



I hope you live somewhere safe.

Sent from web

If you reply, Matt will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.






read messages.

If you reply, Max will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.







while since she's had a decent piece

of meat inside her. 😉

8 w Like Reply



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8 w Like Reply



If you reply, Kale will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.







### **Chantel De Tastes**

You and Chantel aren't connected on Facebook

Receptionist at Ford and Doonan Air Conditioning Went to John Curtin College of the Arts Lives in Perth, Western Australia

3:55 PM



I hope you get shot by a farmer...

Sent from web

If you reply, Chantel will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



on your face when it's done

2:18 PM



You and Silvijana aren't connected on Facebook

Self-Employed Went to School of Hard Knocks, The University of Life Lives in Boyup Brook, Western Australia

8:17 PM



you killer karma will get you lol your adress is all over facebook

8:27 PM



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Sent from web

If you reply, Silvijana will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.









# message.

107 followers 19 posts

Do you want to let bcoveney77 send you messages from now on? They'll only know that you've seen their request if you choose Accept.



#### Gary Holmes

They would have cameras set up everywhere, waiting. It would be a pitty for her if people turned up at her property wearing balaclavas and no licence plates and stole her veges lol

7h Like Reply

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### Josh Pedersen Someone need to make her disappear 2

13 w Like Reply





read messages.





#### Benjamin Luke Uprichard

I'll pull your fingernails out with a pair of pliers if I ever see you and that's more of a promise then a threat. Filthy little cunt. Just looking for attention. If you really wanted to help go to echuca sales and buy horses that will be dogged for canned meat. Don't steal people's property. Fucktard.

1 m Like Reply Message

#### Apr. 7, 10:22 am

Cunt, i Pray someone punches you hard enough in the throat that you choke to death.

#### \_fuzzypeach\_\_ wants to send you a message.

162 followers 57 posts

Do you want to let \_fuzzypeach\_\_ send you messages from now on? They'll only know that you've seen their request if you choose Accept.

### **Benny Otto-schuetz**

You and Benny aren't connected on Facebook

#### 8:07 AM

How do you feel about closing a family's business, I know where you live , iv organised a picket at 220 rossiter rd koowee love the green Pajero and white Nissan





Yes it suffered for hours



### Jack Segond

Kara jade is a scrag, her dad fucked her mum just so he could get her out of his ball bag as he didn't want her either. Vegans are stupid and uneducated, there a disease that needs to be eradicated.

1d Like Reply



## Dean Buwlshit Turko I think I would just smash her fucking face beyond recognition 👍

3h Like Reply





Charlie Beech You and Charlie aren't connected on Facebook

Worked at Royal Australian Navy Studied at HMAS Cerberus Lives in Townsville, Queensland

WED AT 8:25 PM



You fucking dirty grass eating fucking slag. I'd love to force feed you a whole goat.

Sent from web

If you reply, Charlie will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.







Too far it's boring out there. I bet you they trusted you.

12:34 PM





carcasses? 0+



If you reply, Richard will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.





I don't need to answer to someone who breaks the law and gets away with it. All I can say you are being watched and not by me and karma will come one day. You will never succeed in getting people to stop eating meat. It's called a food chain. How do you stop a fox from killing a rabbit? How do you tell bugs not to fly into my windscreen they apparently have a life too. At least I don't steal animals and hide them in my bed with a nappy on.

> Well you are going to explain your comment to the police unless you want to explain it to me

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Jack Segond

Hope she gets hit by a mac truck than the truckies backs up back over her to see what he hit. Meat is yum yum

1d Like Reply



Travis Jankovic is with Daniel Walker and 13 others. Wednesday at 8:33 pm - @

Thinking of having a BBQ Cook off, Beef Protest in Koo Wee Rup.

Will be a full weekend.

Share around on what times would suit, if you know anyone in the hire game would be great for lighting, toilets etc

Tag your friends.



Like

Share





## Adrian Beaky From Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Lives in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

#### 12:47 PM

Kara jade you worthless piece of shit maggot, I can't wait until someone comes to you house and kicks the teeth out of your mouth comparing it's going to happen so accept it because there's absolutely nothing you or your dumb fuck head crew can do to stop it. Hahahaha I can't wait to see the blood and look on your face when it's done

2:18 PM

If you reply, Adrian will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.

Mon 7:48 pm

Your identities are known now sluts, and now we come for you scumbag pieces of shit. Watch your back, you might get a 'stake' in it

Mon 11:05 pm

Hahaha run along and have a cry cunt. Just know now we come for you, to ruin you.

dark\_artistry wants to send you a message.

119 followers 20 posts

Do you want to let dark\_artistry send you messages from now on? They'll only know that you've seen their request if you choose Accept. S)

Jay Farr \$5.50 each. Pm me if you're interested.





Wayne Nicholls

You and Wayne aren't connected on Facebook Lives in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

12:15 PM

Why not use your real name



Isn't it cara garret



Rossiter rd koo wee rup



Sent from web

If you reply, Wayne will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.

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Johny Cash Catch and feed her to the pigs but remove teeth first de 13 w Like Reply



Bart Hog You and Bart aren't connected on Facebook

3:42 PM



If you reply, Bart will be able to call you and see information like your Active Status and when you've read messages.



read messages.

Neville Parfitt Kara Jade this one came home with me sorry



5h Like Reply

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You can't reply to this conversation. Learn More

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## Attachment C: Messages to other activists

"You parasites will soon be greeted at farm gates with loaded shotguns! I for one look forward to your illinformed minions to be taught a valuable lesson by frustrated farmers.

Retribution will come swift and fast."

You can reply directly to this message.

Name: Bob Brown Date: 2019-04-12 16:18:59 Email: b.brown@gov.au Subject: Farm Invasions

"We are coming for you. We are armed and waiting for your return. Try and trespass on any private property - you die"

You can reply directly to this message.

Name: Albert Mochan Date: 2019-04-09 15:26:46 Email: amgt@hotmail.com Subject: Protest



Andrew Porter You and Andrew aren't connected on Facebook

APR 21, 2019, 8:13 PM

I'm glad your face is now plastered all over social media for what you're up to.....tick tick 😜





JAN 22, 2019, 6:53 PM

Hey mate just seeing as you want to hide behind you computer and leak farms and peoples names and livestock wanna give me your address so I can stomp your fucking head in coward



Bob Bohdan 20 h a SHOT GUN will keep them in place. trespassing is illegal by law so shoot the mindless crap. put h ~ 0 ~

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Brent James You and Brent aren't connected on Facebook

JAN 22, 2019, 7:55 PM



Your a fucking weak cunt !!!





JAN 22, 2019, 8:55 PM



You will get put down before the animals for what you have done rip dog

"Hey you vegan fuck faces go jump off a cliff and die no one loves you you can come up to mackay and try to raid a cray farm that doesn't exist cos I'll be there with a rifle and knife to skin ya see you in hell

From Christian Mau

If you want to have a chat ring this number 0436331014"

possessed.

You can reply directly to this message.

Name: Christian Mau Date: 2019-04-17 18:38:09 Email: mauxchri@gmail.com Subject: Come for me



Darren Hearps 23 h Sick satanic scum pushing the new world order agenda. Removing our ability to feed ourselves. Hang the terrorist scum. He looks sickly evil and 0

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## Declan Mitting

You and Declan aren't connected on Facebook

Diesel Mechanic Apprentice at Mining Equipment Maintenance Lives in Rockhampton, Queensland

JAN 22, 2019, 7:39 PM

Fuck mate your a cockhed, get your head out of your arse and try live life without farmers mate because at the moment you are worth nothing to Australians and you seriously need to duck off out of this country cunt, before someone knock you clean out wanker



Desley Bailey 7 h At least his face is out there now, lets hope someone gets the grubby little prick.

Like Reply



Don Magnussen You and Don aren't connected on Facebook

APR 27, 2019, 9:46 AM

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You and all of your followers are a mob of deadbeat cunts , terrorising people on private property is unacceptable, I would love for you and your vile putrid filthy disgusting pathetic followers to come onto a property I owned , the out come would be very different to lemontree feedlot





### Ethan Daniele

You and Ethan aren't connected on Facebook rider at AMA Motocross Went to Many years ago Lives in Broken Hill, New South Wales

JAN 22, 2019, 9:52 PM

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Hey mate.. I need to ask a very important question! how the fuck do u not like meat.. like what the fuck.. are you retarded?

Facebook User

JAN 22, 2019, 6:48 PM

Dont you think farmers are doing it hard as it is without haters like you? Hope you're not celebrating Australia Day cause you dont deserve it....cockhead like you probably calls it invasion day anyhow





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	Geoffrey Slade 16 h	^
	Maybe put a cows head at his	0



front door 😂 😂 😂



## George Copley

You and George aren't connected on Facebook Mobile Tyre Fitting at Lube Mobile Tyres Went to Cyril Jackson Senior High School Lives in Bassendean, Western Australia, Australia

MAR 13, 2019, 12:28 AM



I now have your home address, which I have past it on to Ollie at 6pr 882



"So you gutless, spineless scum do not realise what's in store for you by trying to ruin honest law abiding citizens because they are providing the greater majority of the Australian populace with an essential industry. Before I forget. it appears you bunch of shit licking scum forget that you had the greatest supporter of Vegan rhetoric being no other than Duetschers Fuhrer - Adolf Hitler who was an avowed vegan. So therefore, you pieces of shit are nothing but would be fascists. By the way, I'm holding a special BBQ this Friday afternoon in Newstead - Hepburn Road Hepburn Springs Victoria in which you dogs are invited to attend as we will have plenty of BBQ lamb & beef along with Miss Piggy on the spit. I must say, cannot guarantee safe conduct for you filth ridden scum, Sayonara dog arse lickers!!

Your favourite carnivore,

Mr Lamb Shanks"

You can reply directly to this message.

Name: Gerry Date: 2019-04-08 14:03:55 Email: lamb2@shanks.org Subject: Your days are numbered shit bags



I hope you and all the people and animals you believe in die and get eaten you fucking cockhead delusional cunts!!!!!!

I feel sorry for your children.

Regards A meat eater

Glenn

If I meet any of your brethren I will have no problem slapping some sense into them!



"If you goys keep blocking roads a truck of diversity is going to make bourke streek look like a fucking joke"

You can reply directly to this message.

Name: Goy Date: 2019-04-09 09:54:23 Email: Kike@gmail.com Subject: Sup niggers



Ilya Muromets 12 h Parasites, they should be hunted like animals that they are...

Like Reply

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Jack Knopjes 21 h Come over our way you , you oxygen thief. Need a good ol fashion beating

Like Reply

"Fucking un Australian cunts sucking on dole money. BANG BANG. your gone cunt."

You can reply directly to this message.

Name: James Daniels Date: 2019-04-09 16:28:08 Email: roystonsg65@gmail.com Subject: Farm Food





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"Come near my farm and I will kill you"

You can reply directly to this message.

Name: Josh smith Date: 2019-04-06 21:49:49 Email: Josh@bigpond.com.au Subject: Fuck off cunt



Julian Gillian 18 h Someone should beat the shite out of em

"I have heard both sides. You are breaking the law. All farmers in Australia has gone though hell. Many still are. When the chips are down a farmer might come to breaking point and their will be blood shed. Do you really want violence because this is where you are heading. It only takes a few more protests . A few more rallying. Trespassing on someone's property. Don't be insane. You are untitled to your opinion but not allowed to in force it on others. If you come to my city there will be violence I kid you not. Be smart. Justin from Ballarat"

You can reply directly to this message.

Name: Justin Richardson Date: 2019-04-08 16:22:33 Email: justintoddrichardson68@outlook.com Subject: Complaint





## Luke McCallum

You and Luke aren't connected on Facebook

JAN 22, 2019, 3:55 PM



Come to my farm mate! I guarantee you won't walk off the place you piece of scum!



What's your address Chris? Don't worry, I'll find it.

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### Mathew Distefano

You and Mathew aren't connected on Facebook Salesman/Owner at Murray Mallee Wood Fired Pizza

JAN 24, 2019, 10:58 PM



You'll get found... you'll get yours.. 😏





### Nathan Williams

You and Nathan aren't connected on Facebook Works at Gas Field Services, Macfarlane Downs and Jims Gender Transitions Lives in Tambo, Queensland

JAN 25, 2019, 6:22 PM





Nik Gee 11 h Fukin little snot needs a belting

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Peter Duggan 3 h

hey chris ,come visit me for an experience in me back shed you will never forget ,a special type of terror awaits just for you

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### Peter Wroe

You and Peter aren't connected on Facebook Supervisor at MSF Sugar Limited Studied at Harvard University

APR 6, 2019, 9:08 PM

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Cant comment on your posts? Weak cunt

Lives in Hervey Bay, Queensland

"Hello Chris,

You sound like a really retarded wanker. You must be schizophrenic or psychotic or something. Obviously you can't find a job and you are unemployable - except for this. You do not qualify as a legit charity - you will be reported to the ATO for this fraud. As far as food is concerned, I eat healthy and lots of vegies. I'd be happy to defecate in your mouth if you had nothing else to eat. If you people want to make a point about food you should target McDonalds - they are cunts. Otherwise you are a bunch of low life loser dickheads"

You can reply directly to this message.

Name: Phil Blenkinsop Date: 2019-04-08 23:03:30 Email: fastpumacat@gmail.com Subject: Veganism and animal rights



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Red Hutchins 16 h Come near me ya worthless piece of shit i will belt the fuck out of you



### Robert Pryde

You and Robert aren't connected on Facebook Studied Year 11 at Lavalla Catholic College Lives in Traralgon, Victoria

APR 7, 2019, 10:57 AM



Drop dead you trouble making parasite



Rodney Bourne 20 h I'd like to show this queer what fear really looks like, please, you gutless little dweeb. 🌈 💩 💩



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Curtis Forrester	Ċ	businesses that ought to speak volumes about the this practice, that perhaps the farmers themselves too should think about.	
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		what is done to animals. Everyone with the interest of honesty, integrity, freedom of information and transparency would support this project and map.	
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### Tony Ferkovic 1 h Love to punch him in the face . Make him look like man instead of a socialist bigot **¥**1

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Steve Chester You and Steve aren't connected on Facebook Works at Quality Wool Studied at Parkes High School Lives in Parker, New South Wales



Be careful bud You don't have many friends in the country



Tony Best You and Tony aren't connected on Facebook

FEB 15, 2019, 2:44 PM



Fucking I hope you and your family all die a long, painful and slow death from cancer you fucking low life maggot .





Jake Michael Gorickic ► Joanne Lee -Animal Liberation Activist

Joanne Lee whats your address so me and my crew of guys can come kidnap and take you out bush you have no right to be on private property prey to god that I never see you as that will be the day your life ends it's not a threat it's a Fucking promise... The killing of animals to eat is part of the circle of life if you can't grasp on that then you should end your life yourself







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